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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREANS STEP UP ANTI US CRITICISM IN EGYPT

1. NORTH KOREANS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN THEIR CRITICISM OF US DURING PAST MONTH, PROBABLY AS PRELUDE TO CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA: ON JUNE 24 NORTH KOREAN AMB KIM BYONG HO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH REPORTEDLY HE WAS VERY CRITICAL OF US AND PASSED OUT A PRESS RELEASE AND TWO BOOKLETS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF PRESS RELEASE, BOOKLETS (WHICH WERE PROVIDED TO US BY WIFE OF ROK CONSUL GENERAL CHANG) ARE INFLAMMATORY PROPAGANDA DOCUMENTS. ONE IS 156-PAGE HISTORY WITH ILLUSTRATIONS OF "US IMPERIALISM IN KOREA" AND THE OTHER A 70-PAGE BOOKLET OF PROPAGANDA PHOTOGRAPHS, INCLUDING ATROCITY PICTURES.

2. IN REPORTING ON AMB HO'S PRESS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, GUMHURIYYA ON JUNE 25 QUOTED HIM ONLY AS SAYING NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE WERE DETERMINED TO UNIFY KOREA AND PRESS FOR

WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. "THIS IS THE MOST SACRED MISSION WHICH THE KOREAN PEOPLE FACE." AKHBAR SIMPLY SAID THAT PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON OCCASION OF
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MONTH OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN KOREAN PEOPLE AND PEOPLES OF

PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES AND AGAIN MADE REFERENCE TO "NORTH KOREA'S DETERMINATION TO ADHERE TO ITS PROPOSALS FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA ON A BASIS OF TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM KOREAN TERRITORY". AHAM DID NOT CARRY ANY REPORT AT ALL OF PRESS CONFERENCE. (COMMENT: GIVEN MATERIAL PASSED OUT AND STRONG ANTI-AMERICAN TENOR OF PRESS CONFERENCE, IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPERS DID NOT CARRY ANY REALLY CRITICAL REFERENCES TO US.)

3. CAIRO PRESS JULY 7 NOW REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PM PAK SONG-CH'OL WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO JULY 8 FOR TALKS WITH DEP PM/FONMIN FAHMY. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN. EARLIER, ON JUNE 15, PRESIDENT SADAT HAD RECEIVED AMB HO, OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAK'S VISIT.

4. TWO BOOKLETS MENTIONED ABOVE BOTH ENTITLED "US IMPERIALISM- THE SWORN ENEMY OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE" ARE BEING POUCHED. EILTS

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